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Mr. William T. Dixon  
CH2M Hill Hanford Group, Inc.  
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Dear Messrs. Rasmussen and Dixon:

Re: Approval of request for extension of time to comply with Ecology's August 8, 2002  
Notice of Non-Compliance for deficient leak detection in single-shell tank farms.

On August 8, 2002, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a notice of non-compliance to the United States Department of Energy-Office of River Protection (ORP) and its contractor, CH2M Hill Hanford Group Incorporated (CHG), regarding two violations of leak detection requirements applicable to temporary transfer lines in use within Hanford tank farms. On August 21, 2002, Ecology personnel met with ORP and CHG representatives to clarify the requirements of the notice of non-compliance. ORP subsequently issued a letter dated August 29, 2002, documenting the substance of this meeting and to request additional time to complete the corrective measures

Ecology agrees with the summary, scope and scheduling described in ORP's August 29 letter for completion of the corrective measures described in Ecology's August 8 Notice of Non-Compliance. By this letter, Ecology grants an extension to complete the corrective measures as follows:

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Corrective Measure 1: Completion no later than October 23, 2002.

Corrective Measure 2: Completion no later than December 20, 2002.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3031.

Sincerely,



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